

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 23-37 are presently active in this case.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 23-26 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-4, of U.S. Patent No. 6,781,464; and Claims 27-37 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but otherwise allowable if rewritten in independent form.

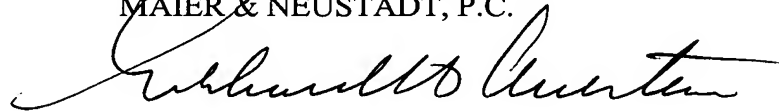
The Examiner is thanked for the indication of allowable subject matter.

In response to the rejection under obviousness double patenting, submitted herewith is a duly executed terminal disclaimer. Accordingly, the rejection is believed to have been overcome.

Consequently, in view of the above comments and in view of the terminal disclaimer concurrently filed herewith, no further issues are outstanding, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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